

36.11.437 SENSITIVE SPECIES - FLAMMULATED OWL (1) The department shall consider the following factors when harvesting timber where greater than 50 contiguous acres of flammulated owl preferred habitat types exist:

(a) Favor seral ponderosa pine on sites where historical fire regimes favor it.

(b) Favor older-aged ponderosa pine or, secondarily, Douglas-fir for retention or recruitment on warm, dry slopes.

(c) Retain and recruit large-sized snags pursuant to ARM 36.11.404.

(d) Open up dense stands on warm, dry slopes towards a basal area of 35 to 80 square feet.

(e) Promote non-uniform stands and retain occasional dense patches of conifer regeneration and shrubs. (History: 77-1-202, 77-1-209, 77-5-201, 77-5-204, MCA; IMP, 77-5-116, 77-5-204, 77-5-206, 77-5-207, MCA; NEW, 2003 MAR p. 397, Eff. 3/14/03.)